



December 7th 2018

Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

We are pleased to report that our whole school attendance still remains around 96% or above which is fantastic. However, can I continue to remind you that all absences need to be followed up in writing even if you have telephoned school or spoken to someone on the yard. Without written confirmation, we will be unable to authorise the absence. We have had a register check this week and the EWO has picked up that there are many parents who still forget to do this. If you have too many unauthorised absences, we may need to invite you to a meeting in school which could possibly be avoided.

As usual, if you have any questions about attendance, please pop into school and ask us.

Week ending 23/11/2018	
Year 2	98.6%
Year 4/5	97.7%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 5/6	95.3%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 3/4	94.8%
Reception	90.7%
Overall	96.1%

Week ending 30/11/2018	
Year 3/4	98.8%
Year 2	98.2%
Reception	98.2%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 5/6	98.1%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 4/5	92.3%
Overall	97.4%

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our school fair last Friday. It was a lovely start to the festive period in school. The school was packed to the rafters with families enjoying themselves with a minced pie and mulled wine. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who helped to make the event such a success. Thank you to the MPSA for their efforts organising the fair.

Christmas Light Switch on -

I was a very proud Head teacher on Saturday when I watched our choir perform at the Knutsford Christmas Light Switch On. The choir performed a number of songs on the main stage and even performed a song in French. They looked amazing, they sounded amazing and that is because they are amazing. Thank you to Mr Jones and Miss Moreland and also to the parents for making this happen.

Christmas Performances

The Christmas performance letters have been sent out to all parents this week. We are very aware that many members of your family will wish to see the children perform and we have done everything that we can to accommodate this.

Tickets will be available on Monday morning from 9.00am in the school hall. We have initially restricted tickets to 2 tickets per family per performance. If we have spare tickets by the end of the week for any of the performances, they will be available from the Monday of the final week of term on a first come first served basis. Extra tickets will be limited to 2 per family to be as fair as possible.

Our children are working very hard to make sure that their performances will be a real treat for you all.

Sporting events -

Well done to our School Netball team who finished 2nd in the Knutsford schools winter Netball league. The team have worked hard to improve game after game and the improvements

are there to be seen. What an amazing achievement, well done!

Well done also must be said to our Football team, they finished 3rd in the winter football league. Just as with the netball team, the footballers have grown over the season and have modelled many of our school values on the football pitch.

Year 1 and Year 2 Trip

Our Year 1 and year 2 children visited Nantwich Museum last week as part of their 'Who put the great in Britain?' Learning Adventure. Whilst there, they became history detectives and used clues and artefacts to find out about the Great Fire of Nantwich. They then related this to their learning linked to The Great Fire of London. Portia from Year 2 said 'I really liked it because I liked the History and finding out about the past', while Lewis added, 'It was great because we saw a pillory from the olden days'.

St Cross Church Christmas tree Festival

Our Reception class have created a fabulous Christmas tree to take part in the St Cross Christmas tree festival that is taking place today and tomorrow at the church. If you can, please pop along and visit the church, it will really get you in the Christmas spirit.

Our Choir are also singing this afternoon at St Cross Church.

Year 3 and Year 4 Egyptian Experience

Y3 and Y3/4 had an Egyptian experience day in school last week. The children were able to dress up in Egyptian outfits, re-tell various Egyptian stories through role play and freeze frame. They were also able to spent time investigating lots of different Egyptian artefacts. The day really brought their learning to life and the children had a great day.

Christmas Lunch

Next Tuesday we will all be having our Christmas Dinner together. A menu has been sent out to all parents.

Special Visitors

We had two very special visitors in school this week. We were visited by 2 beautiful Reindeer who live at Tatton Farm. All of the children met the Reindeer and were told lots of interesting facts about where they live, what they eat and much much more. Thank you to Alfie and Jake's mum Mrs Edwards and the rest of the brilliant Tatton Farm staff for providing our children with this opportunity.

School Governors

We held the termly Learning & Teaching committee meeting this week. In this committee, the governors support the school with the curriculum and our academic standards. Governors have also visited the school during the school day over the past two weeks to support us with - Academic progress and attainment, Pupil Premium, Phonics and the school newspaper.

If you would like to learn more about our governing body, please visit our school website and investigate the governors section.

Finally, our Stars and Geniuses are -

Week ending - 30th November	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Colby	Molly
Xander	Sonny
Lucas	Paisley
Amy	Sophia
Tilly	Hannah
Adam	Nathan
Lewis	Alissa
Week ending - 7th December	
Genius of the Week	Star of the Week
Alex	Lilly
Luis	Maisie
Portia	Evie Rose
Lamara	Bobby

Paige	Corey
Maggie	Mathew
Daniel	Kirsty

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill, Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

11/12/18 Christmas Dinner
12/12/18 Nursery Nativity 3pm
13/12/18 Full Governing Body meeting
13/12/18 Nursery Nativity 11.15am
18/12/18 KS2- Christmas is Forever
18/12/18 Reception and KS1 Christmas parties
19/12/18 Reception and KS1 nativity performance
19/12/18 KS2 Christmas parties
20/12/18 SCHOOL CLOSES - Film & Toy Day

7/1/19 SCHOOL OPENS
21/1/19 Y5 Bikeability level 2
22/1/19 Y5 Bikeability level 2
31/1/19 MPSA Film Night